

Directions for Disassembling and Transporting Grasses System

If you would like to grow grasses next year as part of the second annual NOAA in VA Restoration Day (and who wouldn't!), please keep your equipment and you will be supplied with new trays, bulbs and seeds in March 2007.

It is best to keep the grasses submerged in the black tub until you are ready to transport to Restoration Day, but they are fine overnight without power, light and/or the pump running if you choose to disassemble the system.

1. Turn off the power to your system.
2. Carefully remove the heater, pump, thermometer and disassemble the lamps. Dry them off and place back into the boxes they came in. It is best to wrap the thermometer in paper-towel and place in a Ziploc bag. Please discard the sponge filter and the light bulbs.
3. Remove the wild celery trays from the black tub and place either wet newspaper or paper towel over them. Place in your car (in the black tub!) and make sure the grasses stay covered in the moist paper for the drive! Please do not stack the trays, it will crush your grass.
4. Discard the water in the large black tub. Wipe the tub out with a paper towel or dry towel. Do not use soap!
5. It is best to transport the grass trays in the black tub for stability in your vehicle.
6. Return equipment to Restoration Day OR keep for next year!

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